

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In mounting a combined oil control ring in a ring groove formed in a piston, the combined oil control ring is mounted in a form that an opening between but ends of 5 an oil ring body is widened. In such an operation, it is likely that a coil expander falls off the oil ring body thus making the mounting operation cumbersome. To overcome such a drawback, a relationship  $L_1 < L_2$  is established. Here  $L_1$  means a axial distance between open 10 peripheries of the groove portion and  $L_2$  means a maximum axial distance between peripheries of the groove portion.